## Patriots of our Nation By Katelyn Pease

Patriots are people who support our country. Soldiers are people who protect us everyday. Firefighters are men and women who show their bravery for us. Doctors give us a healthy life to live. Teachers show us the road to success. Parents raise us to be the best we can possibly be. Volunteers, including children, save lives by raising money for hurricanes or poor children in Afghanistan. All of these men, women, and even children support our country. These are the true patriots of every day.

When the fire alarm goes off your heart drops. Smoke is everywhere. You think that you're going to die until suddenly you hear the door break open. A firefighter picks you up and carries you out. He just rescued you. If there were no firefighters in the world, you may have died. These are true patriots.

A little girl breaks her piggy bank open to find twenty dollars in change. On TV she heard about the hurricane and all of the people who need serious help. She gives the twenty dollars to the hurricane donation. She could have spent it on a new doll, but instead she donated. A baby receives a blanket and some food because of that little girl. She is a true patriot.

A mother cries while saying good-bye to her son. He is going off to war in Afghanistan. He may never see her again, but he is strong and knows he must fight for the freedom of a different family. He must fight for the lives of children to give them food, education, and love throughout their whole life. He must be strong. Remember he is a brave patriot to our country.

A pregnant women is rushed into the emergency room after a serious car accident. She is not breathing. A doctor is called; he rushes in. He gets her breathing, again and cleans her wounds. She is healthy along with her baby. If there were no doctors, thousands of people would die every hour. Doctors are very important patriots to our whole country.

The world is made up of patriots: from adults to children, from soldiers to doctors, and from firemen to police. All you have to do to become a patriot is to help someone. Help someone who has no food, or doesn't have a home. There are so many things you can do to become a patriot. Be a patriot to our nation.

As Katelyn's Parent I grant my permission to post this essay on the Monroe County Web site.

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